

MINUTES  
GRANBY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Monday, February 13, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

Present: John Krug, Ken Kuhl, Marty Schwager and Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development.

Attending from the public was Matt Garrett of 56 Day St South, who was invited to participate in the discussions.

Chairman Bruce (Bud) Murtha passed away on Monday, February 6, 2012 and the members spent the first part of the meeting discussing all his good work on behalf of the Town of Granby. Bud served on numerous Planning and Zoning Commission Subcommittees and was involved in the writing of the 1993 and 2005 Plans of Conservation and Development. He was appointed to the Development Commission in 1990, serving under former chairman, Bob Daglio. Fourteen years later (in 2004) Bud was voted in as the Development Commission Chairman.

As Chairman of the Development Commission Bud spearheaded the creation of the T1 zone to encourage creative development in the southern area of Town. He initiated public workshops with the area property owners to explain the proposal and solicited comments and ideas for improvements. The T1 zone was adopted by the PZC in 2006.

Bud also headed up the effort to re-zone the Granby Town Center. His leadership brought about the creation of a new mixed-use district that will serve the Town well into the future. Here again Bud oversaw numerous public workshops attended by hundreds of Granby citizens and commercial property owners. And again, the proposal was successfully adopted by the PZC in 2009.

Since his appointment on the Development Commission in 1990, the total amount of commercial space within the Town of Granby has more than tripled. Bud would often attend the meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission to actively support these important projects. And his presence definitely made a difference as he was so highly respected for his knowledge and for his commitment to the Town of Granby.

As recently as August Chairman Murtha was the primary force in the Town's purchase of 83 Salmon Brook Street. Here Bud immediately recognized the unique opportunity for the Town and brought together the Town officials to promote the purchase. Bud Murtha was an extraordinary person and a wonderful volunteer for the Town of Granby. He will be greatly missed by all.

The Commission spoke briefly about future activities including the upcoming T1 Zone PowerPoint presentation and the leasing of property at 83 Salmon Brook Street for commercial use. The members discussed the need for a new chairman who could lead the commission in the future. Marty Schwager was identified as such a person.

**On a Motion by Ken Kuhl, seconded by John Krug,**

The members unanimously voted Martin F. Schwager as Chairman of the Granby Development Commission

The members discussed new ideas for 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Armentano  
Acting Recording Secretary